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FM AMEMBASSY BONN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 6592

INFO AMEMBASSY PARIS

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AMEMBASSY BERLIN

USMISSION USBERLIN

AMCONSUL STUTTGART

CINCEUR VAIHINGEN

CINCUSAFE RAMSTEIN

CINCUSAREUR HEIDELBERG

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SUBJECT: FRENCH DECISION RE TRANSPORTATION OF MEINHOF

REF: USBERLIN 2188

1. FRENCH EMBASSY REPRESENTATIVE HAS TOLD US IN
STRICTEST CONFIDENCE OF THE BACKGROUND OF THE FRENCH
DECISION TO TRANSPORT ULRIKE MEINHOF FROM BERLIN TO
STUTTGART MONDAY DEC 2 (REFTEL). DESPITE THE NEGATIVE
ATTITUDE OF THE FRENCH MISSION IN BERLIN, THE EMBASSY
WORKING LEVEL IN BONN WAS DISPOSED TO HELP THE GERMANS
OUT. IN THE ABSENCE OF THE FRENCH AMBASSADOR AND THE
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SENIOR POLITICAL COUNSELOR, AN EMBASSY MID-LEVEL OFFICER

TOOK IT UPON HIMSELF TO PRESS PARIS FOR A POSITIVE ANSWER. HE APPARENTLY GOT THIS FROM ONE OF FOREIGN MINISTER SAUVAGNARGUES' PERSONAL AIDES, WITHOUT ANY SERIOUS THINKING ABOUT POSSIBLE CONSEQUENCES HAVING BEEN DONE EITHER IN PARIS OR IN BONN.

2. THE FRENCH EMBASSY HERE NOW REALIZES THE POTENTIAL SERIOUSNESS OF THE FRENCH MOVE AND OUR SOURCE TOLD US THAT THERE IS AN AIR OF NERVOUSNESS IN THE EMBASSY. THE FRENCH HAVE URGED US, THE UK AND THE GERMANS TO AVOID ANY MENTION OF THE FRENCH FLIGHT TO THE PRESS. THE FRENCH WISH NO PUBLICITY WHATSOEVER. -

3. DECEMBER 3 INTERNATIONAL HERALD TRIBUNE CARRIES AP STORY FROM BERLIN, CITING BERLIN JUSTICE AUTHORITIES AS SOURCE, THAT MEINHOF WAS MOVED, DECEMBER 2, BY AIR, FROM BERLIN TO STUTTGART. STORY DOES NOT, HOWEVER, STATE WHO TRANSPORTED MEINHOF. THE FRENCH TOLD US THAT IF THE STORY LEAKED, THEY PLANNED TO TAKE A "NO COMMENT" LINE.
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